

Amendment to the Claims:

This listing replaces all previous listings and versions of claims in the application.

Listing of the claims:

1-18 (Cancelled).

19. (Currently Amended) A method for managing data across an enterprise, comprising the steps of:

receiving a search text;

receiving a user selection of a category from a plurality of displayed categories of information;

searching for and identifying data files containing the search text and having a stored association with the selected category;

retrieving and displaying a first set of items representative of identified data files;

allowing the user to select an item from the first set of items;

retrieving and displaying a second set of items representative of data files having a content-based relationship to a data file associated with the selected item; and

creating and displaying links when the user selects the item in response to the search, wherein the links are created and displayed between the selected item and the second set of items according to content-based relationships the selected item has to the second set of items.

20. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 19, wherein the first set of items or the second set of items are arranged in at least one category not selected by the user.

21. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 19, wherein the links are displayed in a graphical image.

22. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 19, wherein the links are hyperlinks and data files associated with the second set of items are retrieved by activating the hyperlinks.

23. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 19, wherein the first item set or the second item set are arranged in nodes in a tree format, and a portion of the items are hyperlinked to detailed views of the data files.

24. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 19, further comprising a step of generating a chart showing at least one of relationships and statistics concerning the first or second set of items.

25. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 19, wherein the plurality of displayed categories comprise a person, a document, a client, a topic and a project.

26. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 19, wherein if the category selected is a person, then the second set of items represents data files relating to at least one of clients, topics, documents, and projects having stored associations with the person associated with the selected item.

27. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 19, further comprising selecting a second category as part of the request for information for limiting the results of the search, wherein the second category is different from the first category and the second category is selected from three predefined categories.

28. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 19, wherein the first set of items and the second set of items comprise icons representative of the categories associated with the represented data files.

29. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 25, wherein if the search text is a name of a client, and the category selection is of an industry, then the first set of items are grouped in categories of people, documents and projects.

30. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 29, wherein the search results in the people category are arranged according to the number of documents and projects a person has produced related to an industry and client, and wherein the search results of the document and project categories are arranged according to relationships of the documents or projects to the client and industry selected.

31. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 29, further comprising selecting the most relevant people, documents, and projects according to the relevance of the people, documents, and projects to the client and industry selected.

32. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 31, wherein the relevance is based on a weighting scheme.

33. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 19, wherein displaying the first or second set of items further comprises displaying a numerical value representing a total number of items retrieved in a category.

34. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 19, wherein the selected item is hyperlinked, and further comprising adding the selected item to a history list.

35. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 19, further comprising saving items from the first set or the second set in a bookmark list.

36. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 19, wherein the items from the first set or the second set are sorted by at least one category selected from the group consisting of person, client, document, topic, project, and industry.

37. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 19, wherein the step of searching for and identifying data files is conducted among data repositories of the enterprise.

38. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 19, wherein the step of receiving a user selection of a category is accomplished with a drop-down menu.

39. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 19, wherein the links are displayed in nodes arranged in a hierarchical tree.

40. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 19, further comprising after the step of displaying, automatically searching data sources of the enterprise for and displaying user-specified information.

41. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 19, wherein the plurality of displayed categories comprise vendor, supplier, and component.

42. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 19, further comprising generating a chart providing a historical record of activities of the enterprise by displaying information selected from the first set of items, the second set of items, or the first and second sets of items.

43. (Currently Amended) A computer program embodied on a computer-readable medium for managing data across an enterprise, comprising ~~the steps of:~~

a computer-readable medium to store code segments;
a processing unit connected with the computer-readable medium via a system bus,
wherein the processing unit runs the code segments stored on the computer-readable medium;

a code segment for receiving a search text;
a code segment that receives a user selection of a category from a plurality of displayed categories of information;

a code segment that searches for and identifies data files containing the search text and having stored associations with the selected category;

a code segment that retrieves and displays a first set of items representative of identified data files;

a code segment that allows the user to select an item from the first set of items;

a code segment that retrieves and displays a second set of items representative of data files having a content-based relationship to the data file associated with the selected item; and

a code segment that creates and displays links when the user selects the item in response to the search, wherein the links are created and displayed between the selected item and the second set of items according to the content-based relationships the selected item has to the second set of items; and

a display device to display the links.

44. (Previously Presented) The computer program of Claim 43, wherein the first set of items or the second set of items are arranged in at least one category not selected by the user.

45. (Previously Presented) The computer program of Claim 43, further comprising a code segment for a graphical user interface for a user.

46. (Previously Presented) The computer program of Claim 43, further comprising a code segment that generates a chart providing a historical record of activities of the enterprise by displaying information selected from the first set of items, the second set of items, or the first and second sets of items.

47. (Previously Presented) The computer program of Claim 43, wherein the plurality of displayed categories comprise a person, a document, a client, a topic and a project.

48. (Currently Amended) A method for managing data across an enterprise, comprising the steps of:

receiving a search text;

receiving a user selection of a category from among at least three displayed categories of information;

searching for and identifying data files in information repositories of the enterprise containing the search text and having stored associations with the selected category;

retrieving a first set of items representative of identified data files and displaying the first set of items arranged in at least one category;

allowing the user to select an item from the first set of items;

retrieving a second set of items representative of data files having a content-based relationship to a data file associated with the selected item displaying said second set of items by at least one category; and

creating and displaying a graphical image of links when the user selects the item in response to the search, wherein the links are created and displayed between the selected item and the second set of items according to content-based relationships the selected item has to the second set of items.

49. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 48, wherein if the search text is a name of a person, and the category selected is an industry, the first set of items is grouped in categories of people, documents, and projects.

50. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 48, further comprising generating a chart providing a historical record of activities of the enterprise by displaying information selected from the first set of items, the second set of items, or the first and second sets of items.